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SUBJECT: VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA OF GAO TEAM

REF FRANKFURT 2578

1. REFTEL INDICATES GAO DESIRES STUDY (A) RELATION OF INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES TO ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES (OPEC) AND (B) DEVELOPMENT OF STATE-OWNED INTEGRATED OIL COMPANIES WITHIN OPEC AND OTHER OIL PRODUCERS. OBJECTIVE OF GAO VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA STATED TO BE DEVELOPMENT OF INFORMATION ON CURRENT AND FUTURE STRUCTURE OF INTERNATIONAL OIL MARKET SYSTEM. GAO TEAM PLANS ARRIVE JIDDA APRIL 23, SPEND TWO DAYS IN THIS CITY, PLUS THREE DAYS IN RIYADH AND FIVE DAYS DHAHRAN, LEAVING LAST MENTIONED POST ON MAY 5.

2. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE GAO CONCERNING AVAILABILITY IN WASHINGTON OF AFOREMENTIONED INFORMATION AND RECOMMEND THAT GAO DETERMINE, IN LIGHT OF SUCH AVAILABILITY OR LACK OF IT, WHETHER THIS TRIP IS NECESSARY. IF IT IS, WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST THE GAO TEAM.

3. IN ANY EVENT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN JIDDA OR RIYADH WITHOUT 30 DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE. EVEN WITH THAT MUCH NOTICE IT IS FREQUENTLY IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND ACCOMMODATIONS SUITABLE FOR WESTERNERS.

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NERS. AS A RESULT WE HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO REQUEST

THAT WASHINGTON SCHEDULE NO RPT NO ARRIVALS WITHOUT
GIVING EMBASSY NECESSARY 30 DAY ADVANCE NOTICE.

4. RESCHEDULING OF TRIP OF MAY 7 OR LATER WILL ALLOW
TIME BOTH FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND FOR PRELIMINARY
INQUIRIES AS TO WHICH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WILL BE IN
THE KINGDOM AT THAT TIME. EMBASSY WILL PROCEED WITH
RESERVATIONS ON SAME SCHEDULE AS INDICATED IN REFTEL,
I.E. THREE NIGHTS IN JIDDA, FOUR NIGHTS IN RIYADH,
AND FIVE NIGHTS IN DHAHRAN.

5. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON DESIRE
TO MEET WITH INVESTMENT BANKING COMMUNITY. PRESUMABLY
TEAM WILL ONLY BE INTERESTED IN PUBLIC INVESTMENT FUND
WHICH INVESTS IN VENTURESIN WHICH GOVERNMENT IS AT
LEAST PART OWNER. IF NEED FOR MEETINGS WITH OTHER
NON-OIL-RELATED INVESTMENT BANKERS EXIST (FEW CAN BE
FOUND HERE) WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MORE INFO
ON SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED ETC.
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